

Subject: Coin Collection--metallurgy of coinage

Simms, Stephen C.
[Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, IL]

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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

ROOSEVELT ROAD AND LAKE MICHIGAN

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March 5th, 1932.

American Numismatic Society,
155th Street and Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

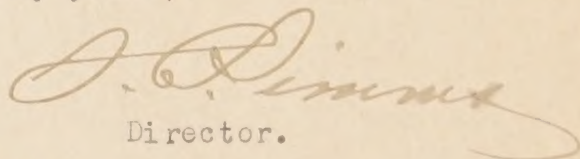
Gentlemen:

Your name has been given to Field Museum in the hope that you might be interested in the purchase of a collection of coins which the Institution has for disposal.

The collection in a way represents the metallurgy of coinage, or of the various materials from which coins or currency are made. It was acquired by the Museum in 1894 and for a number of years the collection was on exhibition in the Museum. However, it does not fit within the present scope of the Institution and it therefore desires to dispose of it.

I am enclosing a list of the coins and will be glad to have you advise whether you are, or are not, interested in purchasing this collection. If you are not interested, I would greatly appreciate any names and addresses you might provide as possible purchasers of the collection, and also the return of the list.

Very truly yours,


Director.

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March 12, 1932.

Mr. S. C. Simms, Director
Field Museum of Natural History
Roosevelt Road and Lake Michigan
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Simms:

We have carefully looked over the catalogue of coins that you sent us and which we are now returning. Outside of about a half dozen pieces there is nothing that we care for. At the present time we know of no organization or collector who would be interested in purchasing this and the only suggestions we can make is to sell it at auction sale. If you care to pursue this you might write to Mr. Thomas L. Elder, 8 West 37th Street, New York City.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator